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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS )

***AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REGARDING REPAYMENT FOR SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-77 of the 2010 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (a) Application for aid under the state supplement program,  
5 medical assistance program, temporary family assistance program,  
6 state-administered general assistance program and supplemental  
7 nutrition assistance program, shall be made to the Commissioner of  
8 Social Services. The name and address of each such applicant shall be  
9 recorded with the commissioner. Such application, in the case of  
10 temporary family assistance, shall be made by the supervising relative,  
11 his authorized representative, or, in the case of an individual who is  
12 incapacitated, someone acting responsibly for him and shall contain  
13 the name and the exact residence of such applicant, the name, place  
14 and date of birth of each dependent child, the Social Security number  
15 of the supervising relative and of each dependent child, and such other  
16 information as is required by the commissioner. If such supervising

17 relative or any such child does not have a Social Security number, the  
18 commissioner shall assist in obtaining a Social Security number for  
19 each such person seeking public assistance and during the time  
20 required to obtain such Social Security numbers the supervising  
21 relative and children shall not be precluded from eligibility under this  
22 section. By such application, the applicant shall assign to the  
23 commissioner the right of support, present, past and future, due all  
24 persons seeking assistance and shall assist the commissioner in  
25 pursuing support obligations due from the noncustodial parent. On  
26 and after October 1, 2008, such assignment under the temporary family  
27 assistance program shall apply only to such support rights as accrue  
28 during the period of assistance, not to exceed the total amount of  
29 assistance provided to the family under said program. Notice of such  
30 assignment shall be conspicuously placed on said application and shall  
31 be explained to the applicant at the time of application. All information  
32 required to be provided to the commissioner as a condition of such  
33 eligibility under federal law shall be so provided by the applicant,  
34 provided, no person shall be determined to be ineligible if the  
35 applicant has good cause for the refusal to provide information  
36 concerning the noncustodial parent or if the provision of such  
37 information would be against the best interests of the dependent child  
38 or children, or any of them. The Commissioner of Social Services shall  
39 adopt by regulation, in accordance with chapter 54, standards as to  
40 good cause and best interests of the child. Any person aggrieved by a  
41 decision of the commissioner as to the determination of good cause or  
42 the best interests of such child or children may request a fair hearing in  
43 accordance with the provisions of sections 17b-60 and 17b-61. All  
44 statements made by the applicant concerning income, resources and  
45 any other matters pertaining to eligibility shall be certified to by the  
46 applicant as true and correct under penalty of false statement, and for  
47 any such certified statement which is untrue or incorrect such  
48 applicant shall be subject to the penalties provided for false statement  
49 under section 17b-97.

50 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall notify each applicant

51 for aid under the state supplement program, medical assistance  
52 program, temporary family assistance program and state-administered  
53 general assistance program of the provisions of sections 17b-93 to 17b-  
54 97, inclusive, in general terms, at the time of application for such aid.  
55 The notice shall be (1) written in plain language, (2) in an easily  
56 readable and understandable format, and (3) whenever possible, in the  
57 first language of the applicant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2010	17b-77
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide notice to recipients of benefits under programs administered by the Department of Social Services of their obligation, under certain circumstances, to provide repayment for such services.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*